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For those of us whom have been long-time South Florida residents, next month marks the anniversary of a catastrophe. For those of you whom have arrived over the last three decades, next month's anniversary serves as a warning. Thirty years ago, on August 23, 1992, Hurricane Andrew forever changed the South Florida landscape and introduced a new generation of Floridians to the destructive power of a category 5 storm. Sheltered by our mistaken belief that major hurricanes would keep missing our area (many people at the time referenced Hurricane David, a powerful storm that turned away from Miami at the last moment), South Floridians brushed off warnings from the few residents remaining from South Florida's last major hit in 1935. It was a mistake.

Hurricane Andrew, a storm which intensified quickly as it approached Florida, struck with an unfathomable force, laying waste to large sections of south Dade County (as it was known then). Significant damage extended into Broward and Monroe counties, and much of the surviving structures (almost all of which were damaged) were without electricity for weeks. True top windspeeds from the storm were never recorded, as Andrew ripped the weather equipment off the roof of the National Hurricane Center.

As a result of Hurricane Andrew, building codes have been updated to harden structures against storms, and wind mitigation devices have been installed by countless homeowners. Unfortunately, Hurricane Andrew is also why, 30 years later, we are all paying so much for windstorm insurance.

Despite the improved building designs and storm tracking technology, we, as residents of South Florida, remain at high risk for another major storm impact. Hurricane Andrew taught us that complacency and stubbornness are disregarded by storms, and that failing to prepare and/or to evacuate can turn overnight into an error fatal to you and your family.

As we enter hurricane season, please plan ahead and be prepared in the event of a storm. Bay Harbor Islands, through its police officers, public works and other staff, will do everything possible to assist its residents in the event of a hurricane. However, in the end, there are limits to what our Town can do in such emergency, and you must be responsible for your own family. If you are not already signed-up for our Town's Code Red program, please do so immediately, as this is the primary method by which the Town provides important updates prior to, during and after a storm. Heed the lesson of prior storms and do not attempt to ride out the hurricane at home if the Town issues an evacuation order. The "Islands" in our Town's name is not figurative. If we are hit with a major storm, there is a very high probability persons remaining will be unreachable to emergency personnel due to high water or damage to our bridges. We enter into another hurricane season with the hope for a mild year, but with the 30-year anniversary reminder of how quickly our homes and lives can be swept away by nature.





Street Milling and Paving In North Side of East Island

As part of the Town's Capital Improvements Program, the Town has hired All County Paving, Inc. to complete the Milling and Paving of the East Island North Side Internal Streets – Zone 6 during July 2022. The roads to be included as part of this project are Bay Harbor Terrace, 97th Street, 98th Street, 99th Street, 100th Street, 101st Street and 102nd Street as shown in the Map.

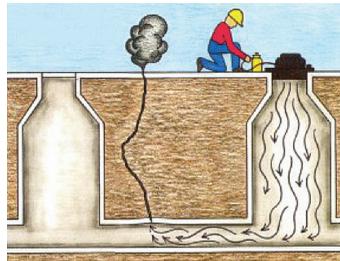
The milling and paving of the BLUE portion will be performed from July 18-19. The GREEN portion will be completed between July 19-20. The RED portion will be completed between July 20-21.

The staging area for the paver machine and milling equipment will be the corner of 100 Street parking lot for the north section of the project, and a corner of Bay Harbor Terrace (next to the Town Hall) for the south section of the project. The contractor will also complete the replacement of all broken and damaged concrete curbs and valley gutters within the project limits.



Sewer System Test July 25-26

As required by DERM, all municipalities in Miami-Dade must perform a smoke test of the sanitary sewer system as part of the Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES). Smoke testing is used nationwide to locate problems that may threaten the supply of



clean water. The test is harmless to residents or pets. The test is scheduled for July 25-26. The tentative schedule is:

- July 24 – Provide door hangers to every property and notify Police and Fire Department.
- July 25-26 – Conduct the test.



Scan the QR code for more information.

Save Fines and Fees During Operation Green Light, July 9-17

Beginning July 9 to July 17, pay outstanding court fines and fees for Traffic, Parking, and Criminal cases directly to the Miami-Dade Clerk's Office. Save on collection agency charges and reinstate your driver license. Payments maybe in-person, online or by phone.

Go to miami-dadeclerk.com or phone Traffic, (305) 275-1111; Parking (305) 275-1133 or Criminal, (305) 275-1155. All major credit cards are accepted.

Operation Pit Stop

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When you bring your pet in for sterilizations, receive free vaccinations, free microchipping services, and enter to win prizes!*

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- Step 2: Owners must fast dogs and not provide food after midnight on the evening prior to surgery
- Step 3: Show Up To Your Appointment!

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Take this opportunity of Operation Pit Stop and get free spay & neuter services for Bully Breed Dogs until July 31. PLUS free vaccines and microchipping for pets receiving spay or neuter services! Call 311 to make your appointment!

Go to tiny.one/op-pitstop for more information.



NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Police Department Receives Reaccreditation



On June 16, the Commission for Florida Accreditation (CFA) approved the re-accreditation for the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department.

The process requires an in-depth review of every aspect of the agency's organization. Our PD conducted a self-assessment phase, followed by an on-site assessment and review performed by the CFA. Accreditation serves to improve the delivery of more effective and efficient law enforcement services, reaffirming BHI PD's commitment to stay abreast of the latest policies, procedures and training.



News from the Police Department

The BHI PD welcomes Samantha Thrall to its civilian staff. Sam joins us as a Police Dispatcher, with previous experience. Be sure to stop in and say hello! Dispatcher Tomas Figueiroa-Rego has transitioned to Police Officer trainee and is attending the Miami Police Training Center Academy Program. We wish the best for Samantha and Tomas in their new careers.

Town Staff Joins in a Hurricane Tabletop Exercise



Department heads, Police Department supervisors and administrators participated in a Hurricane Tabletop Exercise, led by our Police Department and Miami-Dade County Emergency Operations Center personnel.

The training was only part of the Town's emergency planning and readiness to ensure Bay Harbor Islands is prepared for a hurricane or other emergency. Residents can also do their part by planning for the storm season. Now's the time to keep your property secure and your family safe.

Kids Take Off at Town's Summer Science Camp



Children attending the Bay Harbor Islands Summer Camp recently enjoyed building rockets during the Science Camp at the Ruth K. Broad Bay K-8 Center.



Town of Bay Harbor Islands • Flood Protection Information

Because Bay Harbor Islands lies entirely in a floodplain, the Town is required to have floodplain management ordinances. These ordinances, which were adopted in 1993 and subsequently updated in 2009, allow the Town to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Town's participation in the NFIP enables property owners to obtain flood insurance. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has determined that incorporated municipalities in Miami- Dade County should be considered separately to insure better compliance with NFIP regulations.

Additionally, the Town has applied for and received classification in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS). As a result of the Town's participation in the CRS and its efforts to achieve higher ratings, residents may be able to see a discount in flood insurance premiums. You can help our standing in this program by providing the Town's Building Department with a flood elevation certificate for your property.

Local Flood Hazard

This information is being provided to you because the entire Town is in a flood hazard area, which means all properties located with the Town (including yours!) are in the flood hazard area. It is imperative that you know what to do to minimize flood damage. Since Bay Harbor Islands is comprised of two barrier islands surrounded by Biscayne Bay, a storm surge may flood the entire Town. Any storm surges experienced here will most likely be as a result of a hurricane or tropical storm.

Town Flood and Map Information Services

To assist residents in understanding the National Flood Insurance Program and the effects construction, remodeling and maintaining buildings, the Town offers the following services:

- Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Reading/Determination – Assist you in understanding the FIRM and determine the correct base flood elevation for specific properties.
- Flood Insurance Rating Data
- Site specific elevations for mechanical equipment
- Copies of completed FEMA Elevation Certificates are available
- Provides information on our local drainage system and those areas they may experience local drainage problems
- Historical flood information

Additionally, staff will visit properties upon request to review its flood problem and explain ways to stop flooding or prevent flood damage. For further assistance, please contact the Town's Building Department at 305-993-1786 or in person at 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154.

Drainage System Maintenance

A serious risk to the safety of residents is the blockage of catch basins by debris which prevents proper drainage of storm water. The Town sweeps the streets on a weekly basis and monitors all catch basins after each storm event. As a resident you can help by not placing lawn cuttings or any other debris out by the curbside on the Town of Bay Harbor Islands Flood Protection Information weekend. This is a violation of Section 9-23 of the Town Code. If you see or know of anyone illegally dumping materials/debris into any catch basins within the Town or tampering with any part of the Town's drainage system, please contact Town Hall immediately at 305-866-6241.

Flood Safety

- Do not walk through flowing water! Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents

can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure the ground is still there.

- Do not drive through a flooded area! More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Do not drive around road barriers as the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires! The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Immediately report downed power lines to Florida Power & Light (FPL) or to the Town's Police Department.
- Have your electricity turned off by FPL! Some appliances such, as television sets, keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances or motors that have been wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes! Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or a stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals.
- Look before you step! After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks! Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames until the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Flood Warning System

In cases where flooding might occur during emergency situation, the following local radio and television stations will provide critical information as part of the Emergency Broadcast System:

WIOD-610 AM (E), WAQI-710 AM (S), WINZ-940 AM (E), WQBA-1140 AM (S), WFOR-CH 4 (E), WTVJ-CH 6 (E), WSVN-CH 7 (E), WPLG-CH 10 (E), and WLTV-CH 23 (S)

(E) English Language Broadcast (S) Spanish Language Broadcast

Emergency information covering emergency procedures and evacuation routes is available through the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management located at 9300 NW 41 Street, Doral, Florida 33178 and the telephone number is 305-468-5400. In the event of a hurricane, all residents of Bay Harbor Islands are required to evacuate when ordered by the mayor of Miami-Dade County. Shelter information will broadcast at the time of the emergency, however, each resident should make plans well in advance of the emergency. Public emergency shelters should be your last resort. During other emergencies always dial 911 for Police and Fire Rescue services.

Other sources for information concerning Special Flood Hazard Areas and insurance are:

BHI Town Hall: 305-866-6241
Miami-Dade Library: 305-682-0726
DERM: 305-372-6789
FEMA: 800-462-7585
South Florida Water Management: 800-432-2045
State NFIP Coordinator: 850-815-4505

Detailed information concerning flood preparedness and insurance is available at: Miami-Dade County Library, Sunny Isles Beach Branch in the Reference Section, 18070 Collins Avenue, Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160, 305-682-0726.

Town of Bay Harbor Islands • Flood Protection Information, continued

Property Protection Measures/Flood Proofing

The term “flood proofing” means physical alterations to your building that improve the ability of properties and structures to withstand the damages caused by flooding. You need to prepare your own emergency list of activities and procedures to follow in case of a flood, tropical storm or hurricane. Information is available at Town Hall, the Miami Dade County Office of Emergency Management and at the local library. You must take action now to minimize losses to your property and possessions.

While recent improvements in construction practices and regulations have made new homes less prone to flood damage, there are a significant number of existing homes that are susceptible to flood losses. These losses can be minimized through some of the temporary and permanent flood proofing/ retrofitting techniques, such as:

- Constructing small flood walls or earthen berms
- Waterproofing and water tightening closures of doorways
- Raising your property above flood level
- Elevating and securing electrical appliances
- Under emergency conditions, sandbags can be used to shore structures, and elevating or covering furniture and valuables can help minimize damage.
- Installing storm shutters and reinforcing garage doors to provide hurricane protection

Important Note: Any alteration to your building or land requires a permit from the Building Department. Even regrading or filling the floodplain requires a permit.

For more information on these techniques, you may call the Building Department at 305-993-1786.

Dry Flood Proofing

Dry flood proofing includes sealing or waterproofing with special materials and compounds which provide a chemical or physical barrier against water intrusion during times of flooding. Information on this can also be found in the reference section at the local library.

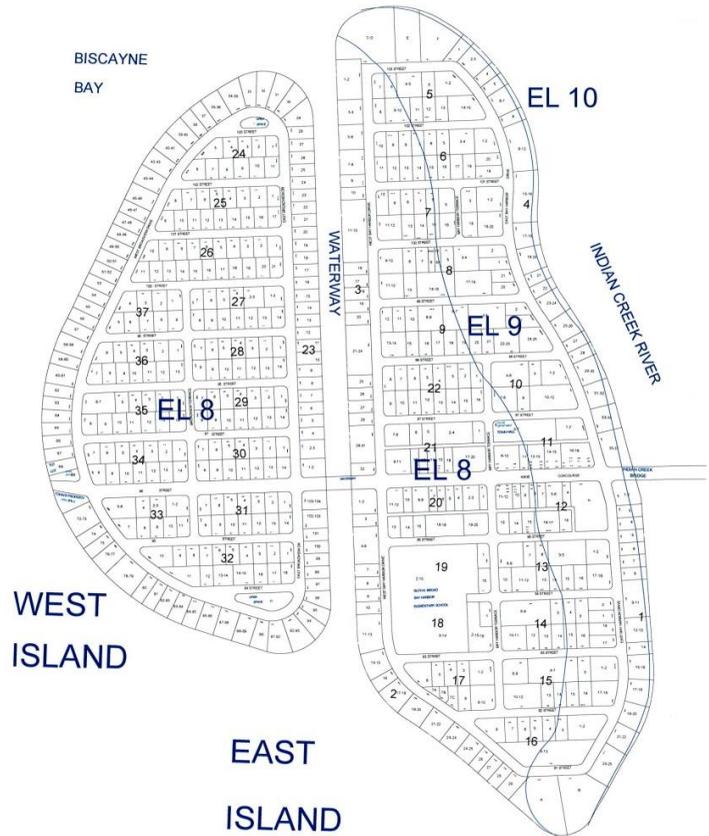
Floodplain Development

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands has a flood damage prevention ordinance that governs all development within the Town. This ordinance complies with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and applicable state law. Cumulative substantial improvement over a five-year period is contained in the ordinance. Work that exceeds 50% of the value of the structure in five years triggers additional requirements. The NFIP requires that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building’s market value, then the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new building. Substantially damaged buildings must be brought up to the same standards (e.g., a residence damaged so that the cost of repairs equals or exceeds 50% of the buildings value before it was damaged must be elevated above the base flood elevation).

Since the Town lies completely in a special flood hazard area surrounded by Biscayne Bay, all development and improvements require permitting from the Town of Bay Harbor Islands Building Department. This is to ensure that proposed development and improvements meet all existing codes for the work contemplated. This includes buildings, fences, slabs, pools, sprinklers, air-conditioners, excavations, grading and filling. In fact, any work that has a value of \$100.00 or more must have a permit. If you are considering doing any work to your property, please contact the Town’s Building Department for a free consultation. All work

must have a permit card prominently displayed on the building or work site.

Anyone who sees construction work being performed and does not see a permit card should contact the Town’s Building Department as soon as possible.



Flood Insurance

Always carry flood insurance! Regular homeowner’s insurance does not cover flood losses, but during the life of an average mortgage, residents have a 26% chance of experiencing a major flood disaster during the life of a 30-year mortgage. Flood insurance through the NFIP is available by contacting a licensed property and casualty insurance broker. Limits to coverage are \$250,000 for residential structures and \$500,000 for commercial structures.

If you are currently covered, double-check that the building coverage is adequate and make sure you have contents insurance. Contents insurance can also be purchased with a separate premium under the same policy. Limits to contents coverage are \$100,000 for residential and \$500,000 for non-residential.

Please note: when purchasing flood insurance, there is a 30-day waiting period before the policy takes effect, so plan ahead!

For more information on flood insurance, disaster preparedness, and other important lifesaving information, we encourage you to visit the Town’s website at www.bayharborislands-fl.gov and click on EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS on the home page.

Residents Give a Good Cleaning to the Broad Causeway

On a warm summer Sunday, volunteer residents and families cheerfully spent their morning filling bags with scattered debris of all types along the shore of the Town's Broad Causeway. Plastic bottles, bags, caps, rope, toys, boxes, fishing gear, coolers and a chair were just part of the huge pile of waste taken from the bay waters and the Causeway. Thanks to Town staff who provided gloves, water, coffee and donuts and Public Works Department for assisting with the bags. Watch for future Broad Causeway Cleanups and help us keep our bay waters clean.



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BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

REGISTER ONLINE at tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register

For more information call (786) 646-9970

GET A JUMP START ON FALL CLASSES AT OUR SUMMER TUTORING PROGRAM!
 4 WEEK PROGRAM ~ JULY 11 - AUG 5
 9 - 11 A.M., MONDAY - THURSDAY
 TOTALLY FREE FOR BAY HARBOR ISLANDS STUDENTS GRADES K-8

email jjacobi@bayharborislands-fl.gov or call 786-835-8047 for more info!

SPACE IS LIMITED! PROOF OF RESIDENCE REQUIRED



2022 SUMMER CAMP



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS



Register for Summer Camp!

June 13-August 5, 2022, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
at the Ruth K. Broad Bay K-8 Center

SPECIALTY CLASSES INCLUDE: FOOTBALL • SOCCER • BASKETBALL • KUNG FU • TENNIS • COMPUTERS • AND MORE!

Register online only at tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register
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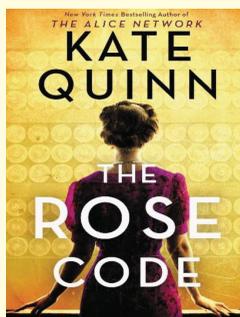


Go to tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register and click on "Town Events" to make an appointment. If will need an account account, to make one to register.

BOOK CLUB SUMMER READS

The Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Morris N. Broad Community Center.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 - The New York Times and USA Today best-selling author Kate Quinn of "The Huntress" and "The Alice Network" returns with another heart-stopping story of three WW II female code breakers at Bletchley Park and the spy they must root out after the war is over. This historical fiction novel has strong female characters, based on truth, and a suspenseful story evolving around friendship, betrayal, loss, hope and redemption.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 - The Club will discuss Steven Rowley's "The Guncle." He is the bestselling author of "Lily and the Octopus" and "The Editor." The Guncle is a warm, funny novel about a once-famous gay sitcom star whose unexpected family tragedy leaves him with his niece and nephew. It is deeply moving and laugh-out-loud funny!



PROGRAMS

REGISTER ONLINE AT tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register

TOT & YOUTH

TIME CHANGE STORY TIME IN THE PARK - At the Tot Lot at 4 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month and at the 98th Street Park at 4 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month.

PEE-WEE SOCCER - At the 95th Street Park on Sundays and Wednesdays for children, from 12 months to 5 years. Times vary by age. \$105 residents/\$120 non, 8-weeks.

JUST YOU & ME CLUB - For parent and child ages 2-4. Fridays, 4-5 p.m. \$80 residents/\$140 non, 8 weeks.

YOUTH GAME ROOM - Fridays from 3-5 p.m. and weekends from 12-4 p.m.

ADULTS & SENIORS

TAI CHI - At the Morris N. Broad Community Center Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 8 weeks.

COMPUTER CLASS - Wednesday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 4 weeks. <https://tiny.one/BHI-Seniors>

ADULT YOGA - At the Morris N. Broad Community Center on Monday and Thursday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. 8 weeks. \$90 residents/\$130 non. Saturday yoga class is at 10-11 a.m., \$30. 8 weeks.

TIME CHANGE ADULT ZUMBA - Monday and Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$80 residents/\$120 non, 8 weeks.

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www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

Upcoming Town Meetings

The Town Council welcomes your attendance and participation at meetings. All meetings, unless regarding topics specifically exempt by state law, are open to the public. To confirm all meeting dates and times, please contact the Office of the Town Clerk at (305) 866-6241.

- Development Review Committee, Thursday, July 14

The Town Public Meetings will be held at Town Hall Council Chambers. The public and other members of staff are welcome to participate in person. The following future tentative meeting dates are subject to change. As the date becomes close, contact www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

Future Tentative Meetings

Design Review Board, August 2, at 7 p.m.
Town Council, Wednesday, August 10 at 7 p.m.
Design and Review Committee, August 11

Committee Meetings TBA

ALL MEETING DATES ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Highlights of the Regular Town Council on June 9, 2022

- Approval to Miami-Dade County School Board for renewal of the Address Verification Program for School Year 22-23 at Ruth K. Broad Elementary.
- Approval to select a Design-Build firm for the 92nd Street Dog Park Extension Project and the 96th Street New Park and Kayak Launch Projects.
- Approval to Beefree, LLC (Freebee) for On Demand services.
- Approval to Chen Moore & Associates, Inc. of \$81,643 for design, permitting and construction inspection of a new seawall at 9600 West Bay Harbor Drive, at the new Town Park.
- Approval to BCC Engineering of \$74,560 to design additional structural improvements for the Indian Creek Bridge and the West Relief Bridge.
- Approval to ATKINS North America not to exceed \$500,000 for the Broad Causeway Drawbridge SR-922 Replacement Project.
- Approval of an ordinance to rezone a 20-foot strip at 9110 West Bay Harbor Drive from RM-3, Multiple-Family District to RM-1, Multiple-Family District.
- Approval of an ordinance giving the Town Manager the authority over Business Tax Receipts.
- Approval of an ordinance related to employees retirement, allowing for members' average final compensation to be based on their highest annual pay during the last three years of service preceding retirement as opposed to the last five years of service preceding retirement.
- Approval of an ordinance first establishing regulations for balconies in the Gateway "G" District.
- Approval of an Irrigation and Landscape Maintenance Contract with Brightview Landscape Services for \$323,007 annually.
- Approval of a resolution sponsored by asking Miami-Dade County Public School System to approve a new public high school to serve Northeast Dade municipalities, including Bay Harbor Islands.